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Tampa Bay gas prices up six cents over the week

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Gas prices in Tampa Bay rose 6 cents over the week. | [Dirk Schadd | Times, 2017]

Gas prices are inching up after weeks of decline. Florida pump prices averaged \$2.53 per gallon Monday, up four cents over the week. Tampa Bay gas rose to \$2.50 per gallon, up six cents over the week. National prices hit \$2.55 per gallon, according to AAA The Auto Club Group.

"There are a few of factors that gave gas prices a boost, but this time it wasn't crude oil," Mark Jenkins, spokesperson for AAA, said. "Gasoline supplies took a sharp dip last week, as exports rose and refineries began to switch from summer to winter blend gasoline. In addition, demand in the southeast — especially in Florida — is strong, as Americans hit the road for spring break."

Also contributing to the price increase was the wholesale price of gasoline last week, AAA said.

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